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# Extra Expenditures.

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| Snow Bills             | 466.54 |
| Soldiers Aid           | 39.00  |
| New Road. Pond to Main | 16.45  |

## Selectmen's Summary of Expenses.

|                        |                          |  |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| State Aid              | 838.                     |  |
| Snow Bills             | 466.54                   |  |
| Highways & Bridges     | 1480.13                  |  |
| Repairs Special        | 273.17                   |  |
| New Road. between P.M. | 422.17                   |  |
| Widening " Barbour.    | 194.50                   |  |
| Miscellaneous Ex.      | 185.50                   |  |
| Town Library           | <del>429.67</del> 429.68 |  |
| Poor Farm Barn.        | 1049.20                  |  |
| Pump for Barn.         | 10.50                    |  |
| House Repairs.         | 64.07                    |  |
| Poor Farm. Stock &c.   | 193.45                   |  |
| Town Officers          | 852.28                   |  |
| Town Farm & Poor.      | 808.93                   |  |
| Poor outside of Farm.  | <u>484.01</u>            |  |
|                        | 7752.12                  |  |

Selectmen gave orders to the amt  
7883.92.

1800.  
160.68  
1960.68

### APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1882.

|                                                |            |
|------------------------------------------------|------------|
| For current expenses and town's poor . . . . . | \$1,800 00 |
| “ support of schools . . . . .                 | 2,200 00   |
| “ school books . . . . .                       | 200 00     |
| “ highways and bridges . . . . .               | 1,800 00   |
| “ repair of school buildings . . . . .         | 100 00     |
| “ new roads . . . . .                          | 675 00     |
| “ State Tax . . . . .                          | 1,060 00   |
| “ County Tax . . . . .                         | 632 53     |
| “ Overlayings . . . . .                        | 160 68     |
|                                                | <hr/>      |
|                                                | \$8,628 21 |

### VALUATION OF THE TOWN.

|                                      |              |                |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Personal Estate . . . . .            | \$267,442 00 |                |
| Real Estate . . . . .                | 790,186 00   |                |
|                                      | <hr/>        | \$1,057,628 00 |
| No. of Polls 348 at \$2 00 . . . . . | \$ 696 00    |                |
| Tax on personal estate . . . . .     | 2,005 81     |                |
| Tax on real estate . . . . .         | 5,926 40     |                |
|                                      | <hr/>        | \$8,628 21     |

Rate, \$7.50 on \$1,000 00.

ASSETS.—Property of the town not considered available for transfer in paying debts.

|                                                          |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Alms-house Establishment, (Land and Buildings) . . . . . | \$3,000 00  |
| Inventory at Alms-house . . . . .                        | 853 48      |
| Centre School House and Land . . . . .                   | 4,000 00    |
| East “ “ “ “ . . . . .                                   | 1,650 00    |
| West “ “ “ “ . . . . .                                   | 2,000 00    |
| North “ “ “ “ . . . . .                                  | 950 00      |
| South “ “ “ “ . . . . .                                  | 900 00      |
| School property and text books . . . . .                 | 550 00      |
| Public Library . . . . .                                 | 1,350 00    |
| School Trust Funds . . . . .                             | 4,910 00    |
| Road scrapers . . . . .                                  | 150 00      |
| Gravel screens . . . . .                                 | 17 00       |
| Hay Scales . . . . .                                     | 250 00      |
|                                                          | <hr/>       |
|                                                          | \$20,580 48 |

ORDERS DRAWN ON THE TREASURY FOR STATE AID  
PAYMENTS, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1882.  
(UNDER CHAP. 301, ACTS OF 1879.)

## PAID :

|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Alice M. Drake . . . . .        | \$48 00  |
| Charles A. Dunakin . . . . .    | 48 00    |
| Eliza C. Fairbanks . . . . .    | 48 00    |
| John W. Godfrey . . . . .       | 76 00    |
| Emeline Hardy . . . . .         | 48 00    |
| H. Rebecca Johnson . . . . .    | 48 00    |
| Ellen B. Johnson . . . . .      | 48 00    |
| Josiah W. Perry . . . . .       | 96 00    |
| John Parks . . . . .            | 48 00    |
| James N. Davis . . . . .        | 18 00    |
| Henry Peach . . . . .           | 18 00    |
| John Williams . . . . .         | 72 00    |
| Ezekiel O. P. Andrews . . . . . | 96 00    |
| Lucretia A. Hamilton, . . . . . | 48 00    |
|                                 | <hr/>    |
|                                 | \$760 00 |

## PAID :

|                                                      |         |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Warren S. Skinner, (under Chap. 252, Acts of 1879) . | \$ 6 00 |
| John D. Capen, " " " " "                             | 72 00   |
|                                                      | <hr/>   |
|                                                      | \$78 00 |

The State re-imburses the full amount of Aid granted under Chap. 301, and one-half of the Aid furnished under Chap. 252, Acts of 1879.

—————  
SNOW BILLS.

## PAID :

|                                      |         |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Edward J. Fuller . . . . .           | \$18 77 |
| George W. Richards . . . . .         | 27 61   |
| George Richards . . . . .            | 27 00   |
| Nathan A. Cobb . . . . .             | 25 25   |
| Lewis N. Holmes and others . . . . . | 51 23   |
| Stilman Dunakin . . . . .            | 64 50   |
| H. Frank Leonard . . . . .           | 18 30   |

|                                          |          |
|------------------------------------------|----------|
| Edwin P. Davis . . . . .                 | 41 46    |
| Nathan Cobb and J. F. Richards . . . . . | 13 35    |
| Esrom Morse . . . . .                    | 52 42    |
| Warren M. Holmes . . . . .               | 13 60    |
| Charles T. Howard . . . . .              | 11 65    |
| Charles A. Willett . . . . .             | 58 80    |
| Fred H. Baker . . . . .                  | 22 55    |
| B. Frank Rhoades . . . . .               | 20 05    |
|                                          | <hr/>    |
|                                          | \$466 54 |

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

(Appropriation of \$1,500 00.)

### PAID :

|                                             |          |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|
| E. J. Fuller, surveyor, Sec. 3, . . . . .   | \$ 60 00 |
| Geo. W. Richards " " 4, . . . . .           | 60 25    |
| George Richards " " 5, . . . . .            | 58 00    |
| Nathan A. Cobb " " 6, . . . . .             | 145 00   |
| Chas. F. White " " 7, . . . . .             | 75 00    |
| Stilman Dunakin " " 8, . . . . .            | 270 11   |
| Nathan N. Hervey " " 9, . . . . .           | 75 08    |
| Stilman Dunakin " " 10, . . . . .           | 100 72   |
| Nathan Cobb " " 11, . . . . .               | 65 07    |
| Frank P. Eberle " " 12, . . . . .           | 120 00   |
| Horace F. Drake " " 13 and 14, . . . . .    | 65 38    |
| Warren M. Holmes " " 15, . . . . .          | 40 00    |
| Charles T. Howard " " 16, . . . . .         | 68 00    |
| Charles A. Willett " " 17 and 18, . . . . . | 95 00    |
| Fred H. Baker " " 19, . . . . .             | 44 32    |
| H. H. Brooks " " 20, . . . . .              | 60 00    |
| B. Frank Rhoades " " 21, . . . . .          | 48 45    |
| A. A. Carpenter " " 4, . . . . .            | 29 75    |

\$19.87

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\$1,480 13

Appropriation of \$300 for Repair of Highways, etc., to be expended under the order of the Selectmen.

## PAID :

|                                                                                                                                  |         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| E. J. Fuller, on section 3,                                                                                                      | \$ 7 77 |
| A. A. Carpenter, " 4,                                                                                                            | 4 64    |
| George Richards, " 5,                                                                                                            | 13 00   |
| Nathan A. Cobb, " 6,                                                                                                             | 13 72   |
| " " for railing Trowel Works' dam,                                                                                               | 20 52   |
| Charles F. White, on section 7,                                                                                                  | 5 25    |
| Stilman Dunakin for work on new road,                                                                                            | 3 60    |
| " " " section 10,                                                                                                                | 8 10    |
| " " for blasting out a rock and widening the road leading by Mr. Carpenter's at its entrance on Pond Street,                     | 38 83   |
| H. M. Leseur, for land to widen the road,                                                                                        | 8 00    |
| W. P. & S. Turner, for work in lengthening and relaying the stone bridge and re-opening the watering-place at the Talbot meadow, | 40 00   |
| T. J. Billings, for railing the road at watering-place,                                                                          | 6 00    |
| Marcellus Day for culvert pipe, 276 ft.,                                                                                         | 56 00   |
| Lewis N. Holmes, for carting pipe,                                                                                               | 16 50   |
| Daniel Belcher, castings for road scraper,                                                                                       | 10 74   |
| H. Frank Leonard, repairing scraper,                                                                                             | 4 50    |
| Edward T. Jennings, for repairing the road from the Norwood road to the Moose Hill road,                                         | 10 00   |
| Esrom Morse, surveying road and making plan,                                                                                     | 6 00    |

\$ 26.83

14 00

40.83

\$273 17

NEW ROAD FROM POND STREET TO MAIN STREET, APPROPRIATION \$450 00.

## PAID :

|                                                               |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Joel P. Hewins, land and fence damage,                        | \$106 76 |
| Horace M. Leseur, land and fence damage,                      | 95 00    |
| Geo. W. Dunakin, " " "                                        | 40 00    |
| Samuel D. Hitchcock, land and fence damage                    | 32 00    |
| Edward B. Bird, building 49 rods, 9 1-2 ft. in length of road | 143 81   |
| " " for putting in a culvert pipe to J. P. Hewins' field,     | 1 00     |

\$452 45

$$\begin{array}{r} 452.4 \\ + 14.0 \\ \hline 466.4 \end{array}$$

## PAID :

\$ 20,50

The stone posts for bounds are not as yet placed in position on the above roads.

## PAID :

|                                                                           |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| George Richards, for return of deaths,                                    | \$ 2 25 |
| C. J. McPherson & Co., printing 450 Town Reports,                         | 25 00   |
| E. B. Thorndike, printing 150 Town Meeting warrants,                      | 5 00    |
| Otis Johnson, Clerk and Treasurer, stationery, express,<br>postage, etc., | 22 04   |
| George W. Gay, express, advertisement, moving safe,<br>book-case, etc.,   | 4 13    |
| Thomas Groom & Co., books for Town Treasurer,                             | 9 20    |
| Geo. H. Hixon, expense for team, R. R. fare, collector's<br>book,         | 8 10    |

|                                                                                     |               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| C. D. Hixon, Insurance of Public Library and books in<br>Town Clerk's office,       | 14 75         |
| Wm. Bense, printing notices for Fish Committee, . . .                               | 2 50          |
| J. W. Godfrey, printing 550 State Aid receipts and 600<br>Town receipts,            | 4 50          |
| J. W. Godfrey, printing 200 fish permits, . . .                                     | 2 00          |
| H. Frank Leonard, iron screen for Fish Committee, . .                               | 6 75          |
| Geo. W. Gay, cash paid Assessors' notices, passbooks, &c.                           | 4 40          |
| C. D. Hixon, Treas. Public Library, bal. of Town appro-<br>priation in 1880,        | 225 00 *      |
| J. D. Emmons & Co., printing 350 School Reports, . .                                | 15 00         |
| Wm. Bense, 2 order books and express on same, . . .                                 | 11 65         |
| H. Frank Leonard and 5 others, police duty, and watch-<br>men night of 4th of July, | 15 00         |
| R. W. Jones, boards for posting Fish Notices, . . .                                 | 1 80          |
| Chas. F. Richards, horse hire, . . . . .                                            | 6 75          |
| J. W. Godfrey, printing blanks for Fish Committee, . .                              | 1 50          |
| H. A. Tamblyn, lumber and work repairing hay scales,                                | 10 35         |
| Charles F. Bryant, stationery, stamps, record-book, etc.,                           | 9 83          |
| Charles D. Hixon, Treas. Public Library, dog licenses '81,                          | 204 67 *      |
| Richard Johnson, return of deaths, . . . . .                                        | 3 00          |
|                                                                                     | <hr/>         |
|                                                                                     | \$615 17      |
|                                                                                     | <u>429.67</u> |

## EXPENSE PAID BY TOWN, CAUSED BY FIRE.

/88.5

## PAID :

|                                                        |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| E. B. Bird, for work on barn cellar, . . . . .         | \$127 00  |
| Samuel Paul, on order J. H. Webb, . . . . .            | 350 00    |
| J. H. Webb, contractor for buildings at Town Farm,     | 358 00    |
| " " " " " " " "                                        | 100 00    |
| Samuel Paul, on order of J. H. Webb, . . . . .         | 100 00    |
| E. B. Bird, for farm wagon, . . . . .                  | 40 00     |
| J. H. Webb, for lumber, . . . . .                      | 14 20     |
| T. Clapp & Co., pump and platform, . . . . .           | 10 50     |
| Mrs. Lydia Richards, for harness, . . . . .            | 5 00      |
| E. D. Barbour, for 7750 lbs. hay and weighing tickets, | 77 95     |
|                                                        | <hr/>     |
|                                                        | \$1182 65 |

165.00  
 94.00  
 71.00

## TOWN FARM PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS.

## PAID :

|                                                                     |                 |        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------|
| C. M. Austin, for horse, . . . . .                                  | \$165 00        | 165.00 |
| H. A. Tambllyn, for shingling and other repairs of house, . . . . . | 64 07           | 40.00  |
|                                                                     | <u>\$229 07</u> | 77.00  |

## RECEIVED :

|                                                     |                |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------|
| Of Geo. S. Cooke, for horse, . . . . .              | \$60 00        | 94.00 |
| — Howard, for bull, . . . . .                       | 25 00          | 19.00 |
| S. O. Webster, for parts of harness, &c., . . . . . | 4 00           |       |
| Elijah H. Esty, for posts, . . . . .                | 5 00           |       |
|                                                     | <u>\$94 00</u> |       |

*And Paid Treasurer of Town*

135.00

## TOWN OFFICERS.

## PAID :

|                                                                                      |                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| John M. Bullard, Auditor, . . . . .                                                  | \$ 4 50         |
| Dexter Packard, commission as collector of taxes of '81, . . . . .                   | 93 00           |
| Otis Johnson, salary as Town Treasurer, . . . . .                                    | 150 00          |
| “ “ Town Clerk, recording births, marriages<br>and deaths, . . . . .                 | 18 00           |
| Geo. H. Hixon, Sealer of Weights and Measures, . . . . .                             | 10 00           |
| Geo. W. Gay, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Over-<br>seer of Poor, . . . . .   | 180 75          |
| Chas. T. Howard, services as Selectman, Assessor, and<br>Overseer of Poor, . . . . . | 120 55          |
| George H. Hixon, services as Selectman, Assessor, and<br>Overseer of Poor, . . . . . | 142 25          |
| H. Frank Leonard, Constable, for services, . . . . .                                 | 25 00           |
| Geo. F. Howard. Special Committee for auditing Treas-<br>urer's accounts. . . . .    | 34 50           |
| Geo. F. Gay, collector, commission on collecting taxes of<br>1882, . . . . .         | 73 73           |
|                                                                                      | <u>\$852 28</u> |

# REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR OF THE TOWN OF SHARON, ENDING JAN. 1, 1883.

## ALMSHOUSE PAYMENTS.

### PAID :

|                                                    |          |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| P. P. Dilworth, blacksmith work, . . . . .         | \$ 5 10  |
| H. F. Leonard, " " etc., . . . . .                 | 10 75    |
| Davidson & Crowell, supplies, . . . . .            | 135 06   |
| D. W. Pettee, " . . . . .                          | 118 86   |
| J. F. Long, " . . . . .                            | 118 80   |
| Chas. T. Howard, expense connected with Town Farm. | 25 13    |
| Dr. Smithwick, medical attendance on Town's poor,  | 30 00    |
| S. O. Webster, superintendent Town Farm, 3 months. | 87 50    |
| " " cash balance, . . . . .                        | 4 18     |
| Adin Ballou, superintendent Town Farm, 9 months, . | 225 00   |
| Dexter Packard, for 2 shoats, . . . . .            | 14 00    |
| Geo. H. Hixon, expense with Albert Fuller, . . .   | 5 30     |
| City of Cambridge, aid to John D. Talbot; . . .    | 1 25     |
| P. M. Withington, coffin for Charles Capen, . . .  | 12 00    |
| " " " Laura Clarke, . . . . .                      | 12 00    |
| Richard Johnson, digging graves, . . . . .         | 4 00     |
|                                                    | <hr/>    |
|                                                    | \$808 93 |
| Now due Dr. Smithwick, medical attendance, . . .   | 20 00    |
|                                                    | <hr/>    |
|                                                    | \$828 93 |

### CREDITS.

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Boarding 70 tramps, . . . . . | \$21 00  |
|                               | <hr/>    |
|                               | \$807 93 |

Products of Town Farm credited in store accounts, \$42 20.

Cost of boarding inmates at Almshouse 401 4-7 weeks, 2 02 per week.

## ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS OUT OF ALMHOUSE.

|                                                   |          |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------|
| O. H. Whittemore, board of Maud Richards. . . . . | \$ 23 00 |
| D. W. Pettee, supplies to John Gordon, . . . . .  | 2 88     |
| Harvey & Co., " " " . . . . .                     | 3 36     |

*total from page 11.*

*454.77*  

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*484.01*

|                                                                                                    |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Davidson & Crowell, supplies to John Gordon, . . . . .                                             | \$ 5 97  |
| Chas. T. Howard, for aid to the poor, . . . . .                                                    | 11 14    |
| Mrs. S. F. Lyons, care of Mahoney child, one month, . . . . .                                      | 12 20    |
| P. M. Withington, coffin for " " . . . . .                                                         | 4 50     |
| " " for hearse twice, . . . . .                                                                    | 5 00     |
| D. W. Pettee, supplies to J. H. Torrey, . . . . .                                                  | 34 23    |
| " " " to Torrey children, . . . . .                                                                | 11 75    |
| Mrs. Fisher Holmes, for care of Mrs. Torrey, . . . . .                                             | 14 00    |
| Mrs. Eva M. Leonard, " " " . . . . .                                                               | 9 25     |
| Mrs. Ellen B. Johnson, " " " . . . . .                                                             | 5 00     |
| H. E. Briggs, carriage several times to Mrs. Torrey's, . . . . .                                   | 5 00     |
| P. M. Withington, coffin and robe for Mrs. Torrey, . . . . .                                       | 12 00    |
| W. B. Wickes, carrying Rev. Mr. Partridge to funeral, . . . . .                                    | 75       |
| Ellen B. Johnson, care of Torrey child 8 weeks and 4 days, . . . . .                               | 17 15    |
| Eva M. Leonard, " " " . . . . .                                                                    | 11 50    |
| Clothes for Torrey girl at Mrs. Murdock's, . . . . .                                               | 4 00     |
| J. F. Long, supplies to Mrs. G. Hampton, . . . . .                                                 | 22 50    |
| " " goods to Mrs. Hampton, for care of Torrey<br>child, at the price of \$2.00 per week, . . . . . | 70 82    |
| Isaac Smith, medical attendance on Mrs. A. Fuller, . . . . .                                       | 20 50    |
| Hospital bill of Isabella Field, . . . . .                                                         | 177 51   |
|                                                                                                    | <hr/>    |
|                                                                                                    | \$484 01 |

#### PERSONS HAVING SETTLEMENTS IN OTHER TOWNS.

##### PAID :

|                                                           |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| J. F. Long, for supplies to J. Roe, of Walpole, . . . . . | \$9 50  |
| John Sullivan, house rent, " " . . . . .                  | 3 00    |
|                                                           | <hr/>   |
| <i>Re-imbursed by Walpole to Sharon,</i>                  | \$12 50 |

##### PAID :

|                                                                 |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Davidson & Crowell, supplies to Warren Smith, Easton, . . . . . | \$ 4 00 |
| D. W. Pettee, " " " " . . . . .                                 | 3 00    |
| Thomas N. Wood, house rent " " " . . . . .                      | 3 00    |
| Dr. Smithwick, med. attendance " " " . . . . .                  | 16 00   |
| " " " " " " . . . . .                                           | 3 50    |
|                                                                 | <hr/>   |

*Re-imbursed by Easton to Sharon,* \$29 50

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN OF SHARON, JAN. 1, 1883.

## NOTES DUE.

|                                                 |            |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Trustees of Sharon Friends' School Fund . . .   | \$2,360 00 |
| “ of Dorchester and Surplus Revenue Fund, . . . | 2,550 00   |
| Josiah Johnson's estate, . . . . .              | 250 00     |
| Calvin Turner, . . . . .                        | 1,000 00   |
| Emeline Hardy, . . . . .                        | 420 00     |
| Maria Bullard, . . . . .                        | 100 00     |
| John Welch, . . . . .                           | 280 00     |
|                                                 | <hr/>      |
|                                                 | \$6,960 00 |
| Due Town Officers, . . . . .                    | 500 00     |
|                                                 | <hr/>      |
|                                                 | \$7,460 00 |

## AVAILABLE ASSETS, JAN. 1, 1883.

|                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Cash in the Treasury, . . . . .       | \$2,278 36 |
| Due for State Aid payments, . . . . . | 799 00     |
| Uncollected taxes of 1882, . . . . .  | 2,432 46   |
| “ “ 1878, . . . . .                   | 14 65      |
| “ “ 1881, . . . . .                   | 5 00       |
|                                       | <hr/>      |
|                                       | \$5,529 47 |
| Leaving a town debt of . . . . .      | <hr/>      |
|                                       | \$1,940 53 |

The reported increase of the balance of debt of the town this year over last year, is :

1st, Because the town voted in the March meeting to *deem a less sum* of cash in the treasury than the Auditors reported January 1st, 1882, to be there.

2d, Because the *rate* of taxation in 1882 was rather *too low* to meet the ordinary expenses of the town.

3d, Because of the *increase of expense* to the town, by the *loss by fire* of last July.

|                    |   |                    |
|--------------------|---|--------------------|
| GEO. W. GAY,       | } | Selectmen,         |
| GEO. H. HIXON,     |   | Assessors and      |
| CHARLES T. HOWARD, |   | Overseers of Poor. |

# REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BARN AND OUT-BUILDINGS AT THE TOWN FARM.

## PAID :

|                                                            |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| E. B. Bird, for digging and stoning barn cellar, . . . . . | \$115 00   |
| “ “ for pointing the same, . . . . .                       | 12 00      |
| J. H. Webb, and orders, for building barn, . . . . .       | 708 00     |
| “ “ “ for out-buildings, . . . . .                         | 200 00     |
|                                                            | <hr/>      |
|                                                            | \$1,035 00 |

CHARLES T. HOWARD, } Building  
 GEORGE H. HIXON, } Committee.

## ACCOUNT TAKEN FROM THE TOWN TREASURER'S JOURNAL FROM JAN. 1st, 1882, TO MAR. 14th, 1882.

|                                                              |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Paid to Treasurer by D. Packard, Col. on 1881 tax, . . . . . | \$1,177 77 |
| “ “ by Trustees Sharon Friend S. Fund, . . . . .             | 171 78     |
| “ “ “ Dor. and Sur. Rev. “ . . . . .                         | 153 00     |
| “ “ by State Treasurer—School Fund, . . . . .                | 171 97     |
| “ “ “ “ bal. on State Tax, . . . . .                         | 17 88      |
| “ “ by County Treas., Dog Tax, 1881, . . . . .               | 204 67     |
| “ “ by D. W. Pettee, proceeds hay scales, . . . . .          | 6 82       |
| Balance of cash in the Treasury, Jan. 1, 1882, . . . . .     | 3,257 18   |
|                                                              | <hr/>      |
|                                                              | \$5,161 07 |

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|                                            |            |
|--------------------------------------------|------------|
| Paid out on Selectmen's orders, . . . . .  | \$1,070 27 |
| “ “ “ School Committee's orders, . . . . . | 667 88     |
| Bills Payable, . . . . .                   | 750 00     |
| Interest, . . . . .                        | 398 43     |
| Balance on hand—cash, . . . . .            | 2,374 49   |
| March . 14. 1882. . . . .                  | <hr/>      |
|                                            | \$5,161 07 |

WILLIAM R. MANN, }  
 JOHN M. BULLARD, } Auditors.  
 SOLOMON TALBOT, }

*Otis Johnson. Treas.*

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER OF SHARON FOR  
TEN MONTHS ENDING JAN. 1st, 1883.

|                                        |                                            |            |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------|
| To balance in the Treasury             | <sup>DR.</sup><br><del>Novel</del> , 1882, | \$2,374 49 |
| Received from tax of 1881,             | .                                          | 1,586 41   |
| " " " 1882,                            | .                                          | 5,266 27   |
| " Interest from Sharon Friend S. Fund, |                                            | 57 00      |
| " from Corporation Tax,                | .                                          | 805 18     |
| " " National Bank Tax,                 | .                                          | 899 44     |
| " for State Aid,                       | .                                          | 780 00     |
| " " Relief of Indigent Soldiers,       | .                                          | 72 00      |
| " from Proceeds of Town Farm,          | .                                          | 94 00      |
| " Borrowed Money,                      | .                                          | 1,550 00   |
| " Auction License,                     | .                                          | 2 00       |
| " Apothecary License,                  | .                                          | 1 00       |
| " from Hay Scales,                     | .                                          | 8 68       |
| " Excess paid on Insurance,            | .                                          | 1 50       |
| " Insurance on Town Farm Barn,         | .                                          | 400 00     |
| " Pauper Aid from Town of Walpole,     | .                                          | 12 50      |
| " " " " " Easton,                      | .                                          | 29 50      |

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\$13,937 97

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|                                                    |            |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Paid on orders of Selectmen and Overseers of Poor, | \$6,813 65 |
| " " School Committee,                              | 2,471 46   |
| " State Tax,                                       | 1,060 00   |
| " Interest,                                        | 89 70      |
| " Insurance,                                       | 74 80      |
| " Notes,                                           | 1,150 00   |

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\$11,659 61

Balance in the Treasury, 2,278 36

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\$13,937 97

JOEL P. HEWINS, Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account of Joel P. Hewins, Town Treasurer, and find the amounts agree with his vouchers.

WILLIAM R. MANN, }  
JOHN M. BULLARD, } Auditors.  
SOLOMON TALBOT. }

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT—TAX OF 1878.

|                                              |          |            |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Balance due Jan. 1st, 1883,                  | \$ 14 65 |            |
| Balance due Jan. 1st, 1882—tax of 1881,      | 2,861 59 |            |
|                                              |          | <hr/>      |
|                                              |          | \$2,876 24 |
| Jan. 5, 1882, paid Otis Johnson, Treas.,     | \$162 16 |            |
| 1 per cent. discount, December,              | 1 64     |            |
| Remitted,                                    | 6 84     |            |
|                                              |          | <hr/>      |
|                                              |          | \$170 64   |
| Feb. 28, 1882. paid Otis Johnson, Treas.,    | \$599 55 |            |
| “ “ remitted,                                | 45       |            |
| March 6, 1882, remitted,                     | 9 00     |            |
| “ 6, “ paid Otis Johnson, Treas.,            | 416 00   |            |
|                                              |          | <hr/>      |
|                                              |          | \$1,025 00 |
| April 11, 1882, paid Joel P. Hewins, Treas., | 220 00   |            |
| “ 25, “ “ “ “ “                              | 225 00   |            |
| May 18, “ “ “ “ “                            | 238 00   |            |
| “ 18, “ remitted,                            | 42 00    |            |
| June 19, “ paid, Joel P. Hewins, Treas.,     | 200 00   |            |
| July 5, “ “ “ “ “                            | 245 00   |            |
| “ 11, “ “ “ “ “                              | 200 00   |            |
| Aug. 11, “ “ “ “ “                           | 167 46   |            |
| “ 11, “ remitted,                            | 32 54    |            |
| Sept. 11, “ paid Joel P. Hewins, Treas.,     | 90 95    |            |
|                                              |          | <hr/>      |
|                                              |          | \$1,660 95 |
| Balance due Jan. 1st, 1883, on 1881 tax,     | 5 00     |            |
| “ “ “ “ “ on 1878 tax,                       | 14 65    |            |
|                                              |          | <hr/>      |
|                                              |          | \$19 65    |
|                                              |          | <hr/>      |
|                                              |          | \$2,876 24 |

DEXTER PACKARD, COLLECTOR.

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT—TAX OF 1882.

|                                       |           |  |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|--|-------------------|
| Amount committed,                     |           |  | \$8,649 42        |
| PAID :                                |           |  |                   |
| C. C. Churchill, County Treas.,       | \$ 632 53 |  |                   |
| Joel P. Hewins, Town Treas., in July, | 3,256 20  |  |                   |
| 6 per cent. discount, in July,        | 248 20    |  |                   |
|                                       |           |  | <u>\$4,136 93</u> |
| Joel P. Hewins, Treas., in August,    | 632 53    |  |                   |
| 5 per cent. discount,                 | 33 29     |  |                   |
|                                       |           |  | <u>\$665 82</u>   |
| Joel P. Hewins, Treas., in September, | 213 52    |  |                   |
| 4 per cent. discount,                 | 8 90      |  |                   |
|                                       |           |  | <u>\$222 52</u>   |
| Joel P. Hewins, Treas., in October,   | 538 66    |  |                   |
| 3 per cent. discount,                 | 16 66     |  |                   |
|                                       |           |  | <u>\$555 32</u>   |
| Joel P. Hewins, Treas., in November,  | 465 07    |  |                   |
| 2 per cent. discount,                 | 9 49      |  |                   |
|                                       |           |  | <u>\$474 56</u>   |
| Joel P. Hewins, Treas., in December,  | 160 19    |  |                   |
| 1 per cent. discount,                 | 1 62      |  |                   |
|                                       |           |  | <u>\$161 81</u>   |
|                                       |           |  | <u>\$6,216 96</u> |
| Balance due Jan. 1st, 1883,           |           |  | <u>\$2,432 46</u> |

GEO. F. GAY, COLLECTOR.

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF SHARON FRIENDS' SCHOOL FUND.

We respectfully report the entire amount of the Fund is now invested in a note of the Town Treasurer for the sum of \$2,360.00. The mortgage note held against John Clapp, with the interest thereon, was paid June 24th, 1882, and the principal loaned to the Town Treasurer.

### INTEREST RECEIVED DURING THE PAST YEAR :

|                                                        |                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| June 24, 1882, received of John Clapp, . . . .         | \$ 57 00        |
| Jan. 1, 1883, received of Joel P. Hewins, Town Treas., |                 |
| Interest due at date,                                  | 125 65          |
| Total,                                                 | <u>\$182 65</u> |

The interest received has been paid to the Town Treasurer and appropriated for the benefit of the schools of the town.

In behalf of the Trustees,

JOHN M. BULLARD, CLERK.

SHARON, JAN. 25th, 1883.

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF DORCHESTER AND SURPLUS REVENUE SCHOOL FUND.

Amount of Funds in our hands, \$2,550.00 in a town note, at 6 per cent. Received as interest on the above, up to Jan. 1st, 1883, \$153.00, and paid to the Town Treasurer.

CHARLES D. HIXON, } TRUSTEES.

SHARON, JAN. 31st, 1883.

## Marriages

RECORDED IN SHARON IN 1882.

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- Jan. 23d, Eugene K. Carpenter of Sharon and E. T. King of  
Riverside, Me.
- April 26th, Oscar A. Ballou and Alice A. Richards both of Sharon.
- July 27th, Frank H. Frye and Mary F. Clarke both of Sharon.
- Sept. 16th, George B. Varnum of Sharon, and Susan Lawrence of  
Bangor, Me.
- Sept. 30th, Warren C. Morse of Sharon, and Nellie A. Sprague of  
Bridgewater.
- Oct. 11th, Allen Lincoln Shepard of New York, and Clara Willett  
Howard of Sharon.
- Nov. 29th, Ebenezer W. Derry of Sharon, and Mary C. Hodges of  
Foxborough.

FRED F. BRYANT, Town Clerk.

# Births

REGISTERED IN SHARON IN 1882.

| DATE.   | NAME OF CHILD.   | SEX. | NAMES OF PARENTS.                 |
|---------|------------------|------|-----------------------------------|
| Feb. 12 | Warren Earl      | M    | George W. and Pina Drake.         |
| " 15    | Harriet Mina     | F    | James F. and Harriet N. Richards. |
| Mar. 4  | Eugeneia Frances | F    | Andrew T. and Isabella M. Booth.  |
| April 8 | Arthur Channing  | M    | Fred D. and Juliette A. Long.     |
| " 18    | Ella Louise      | F    | Herbert and H. Louise Pollard.    |
| May 1   | May              | F    | George F. and Hattie E. Gay.      |
| " 5     | Fred William     | M    | { Fred H. and Nellie D. Baker.    |
| " 5     | Frank Wallace    |      |                                   |
| " 7     | Mary Elizabeth   | F    | Henry A. and Nellie C. Tamblyn.   |
| " 14    | William Ripley   | M    | Silas and Eldora C. Poole.        |
| " 20    | Arthur Oliver    | M    | Geo. H. and Elsie A. Whittemore.  |
| " 22    | Harry Grinnell   | M    | W. Frank and Lizzie P. Kempton.   |
| July 21 | Bessie Morton    | F    | Charles S. and Clara M. Curtis.   |
| Aug. 13 | Julia            | F    | John and Mary A. White.           |
| Oct. 13 | Augustus Everett | M    | John D. and Margaret Talbot.      |
| " 30    | Thomas           | M    | George and Bridget O'Leary.       |
| Nov. 7  | Georgianna Olive | F    | James W. and Georgie S. Hampton.  |
| " 7     |                  | F    | Neil and Kate McLane.             |
| " 28    | Jennie Owen      | F    | James H. and Mary E. Davidson.    |
| Dec. 1  | Myra Louise      | F    | Fred F. and Helen L. Bryant.      |
| " 16    |                  | M    | Chas. F. and Georgianna P. Tripp. |
| " 31    |                  | M    | Herbert S. and Hannah E. Capen.   |

FRED F. BRYANT, Town Clerk.

## Deaths

RECORDED IN SHARON IN 1882.

| DATE.     | NAME.                    | YRS. | MOS. | DYS. | DISEASE<br>OR CAUSE OF DEATH.  |
|-----------|--------------------------|------|------|------|--------------------------------|
| Jan. 29   | Catherine H. Torrey..... | 37   | 1    | 27   | Dropsy.                        |
| Feb. 4    | Annie M. Downey.....     | 21   | 5    | 8    | Diphtheria.                    |
| " 16      | Margaret Mansfield.....  | 26   | 3    | 19   | Inflammation of Bowels.        |
| " 16      | Julia E. Dexter.....     | 48   | 11   | 12   | Diabetis.                      |
| " 18      | Lucretia F. Weld.....    | 35   | 1    | 2    | Suicide.                       |
| March 20  | Friend Drake.....        | 83   | 2    | 24   | Old Age and Pneumonia.         |
| " 20      | Myra E. Davis.....       | 4    | 6    | 20   | Dilatation of Heart.           |
| " 24      | Milley Packard.....      | 84   |      | 8    | Old Age.                       |
| " 25      | Daniel Estey.....        | 71   | 6    |      | Bronchitis.                    |
| " 28      | Michael Downey.....      | 61   | 8    |      | Consumption.                   |
| " 30      | Clarissa Savage.....     | 75   | 7    | 23   | Heart Disease.                 |
| April 1   | Charles Capen.....       | 77   | 3    | 16   | Old Age.                       |
| " 10      | King Sedgewick.....      | 80   | 10   |      | Apoplexy.                      |
| " 20      | Carl B. Morrell.....     | 5    | 1    | 18   | Diphtheritic Croup.            |
| May 8     | May Gay.....             |      |      | 3    | Inanition.                     |
| " 4       | Nancy P. Marsh.....      | 87   | 8    | 19   | Old Age.                       |
| " 4       | Laura Clarke.....        | 78   |      | 14   | Old Age.                       |
| " 7       | Nabby Skinner.....       | 71   | 2    | 26   | General Debility.              |
| " 8       | James M. Richards.....   | 73   |      | 10   | Apoplexy.                      |
| " 17      | Celia Webber.....        | 56   | 3    |      | Apoplexy.                      |
| June 1    | Edward Mahoney.....      | 2    | 3    | 24   | Acute Hydrocephalus.           |
| July 2    | Samuel Monk.....         | 81   | 5    | 25   | Cystitis                       |
| " 7       | Leprelette Morse.....    | 64   | 11   |      | Heart Disease.                 |
| " 9       | Sarah Doyle.....         |      | 7    | 3    | Dentition.                     |
| " 13      | Mary Gordon.....         | 80   |      |      | Old Age.                       |
| August 10 | James L. Russell.....    |      | 8    | 10   | Cholera Infantum.              |
| " 10      | Emma A. Hixon.....       | 28   | 3    | 4    | Phthisis Pulmonalis.           |
| " 14      | Elizabeth A. Brady.....  |      | 11   | 4    | Cholera Infantum.              |
| " 18      | Ellen Finn.....          | 1    |      | 3    | Cholera Infantum.              |
| Sept. 1   | Jonas Field.....         |      | 5    | 12   | Cholera Infantum.              |
| " 9       | George W. Richards.....  | 51   | 3    | 28   | Heart Disease.                 |
| " 18      | Ruth H. Carpenter.....   | 47   | 7    |      | Heart Disease.                 |
| October 8 | Sally Drake.....         | 67   | 10   |      | Dropsy of Heart.               |
| " 9       | May Belle Huston.....    |      | 11   | 25   | Dentition.                     |
| " 16      | Emma J. Booth.....       | 16   | 5    | 24   | Typhoid Fever.                 |
| Nov. 24   | Elias R. Wilmarth.....   | 64   | 5    | 28   | Fracture of Skull.             |
| Dec. 19   | Arthur E. Eddy.....      | 1    | 11   | 19   | Pneumonia.                     |
| " 26      | Freddie W. Bryant.....   |      | 3    | 7    | Pneumonia.                     |
| " 31      | Frank D. Gaffney.....    |      | 11   | 19   | Cholera Infantum & Convulsions |

FRED F. BRYANT, Town Clerk.

# REPORT

OF THE

## Committee Chosen to Consider the Condition of the Highways AND OF REPAIRING THE SAME.

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Your committee, chosen to consider the condition of the Highways and of some better method of repairing and keeping them in order, are fully aware of the difficulty and burden you have placed upon them. They are also aware that the same difficulty that is troubling our town has also troubled all towns and municipalities for all time in the past, to a greater or less degree, and has probably never been solved to the satisfaction of all, in any, as yet.

Good roads, well kept and shaded by trees, are a beauty and an attraction to any town, and desirable to all, whether they are used by the foot passenger, the light business or pleasure carriage, or the heavy truck, and especially to the beast of burden, that faithfully performs the task for their master, and should at least receive all kindness and aid from an intelligent master and community to lighten their burden, as far as possible, instead of cruelty for being required to do more than they are able.

In considering this question, we want to first consider what are the first things desired to accomplish our object:

1st. We think all will say that our hills and uneven surface are the greatest obstacles to overcome.

2d. Loose and rolling stones in all parts of the highways.

3d. A loose, sandy road to drag through, the whole season, or a wet, miry road, all through the early part of the season, and often after every heavy rain.

In considering these questions to a successful result, we are aware that circumstances stand *apparently* in the way. One will exclaim, we have not money to do this or that, or have not time or material (which we often hear now). But we are fully convinced that a *full determination* to do a thing has *one-half completed* the object, and that an object as important as our highways, for all time, is not only worth, but economy, to do it well.

To begin with, some *system* must be *adopted* and *carried out*. A faulty system, well carried out, is better than none. To carry out any system we must have some man, or men, to do it that have the end in their minds from the beginning. Cannot we find such a man, or men, and give them a cordial support? Not find fault because the first part of their work is not the last—a complete road—as we do not know what their plans are for the successful accomplishment of their object. Your committee would recommend a system as follows :—

1st. Perfect the grade of the roads throughout the town as far as possible. In doing this, you should bear in mind that one load taken from the top of a hill and put in the hollow at the bottom counts us two loads in the accomplishment of the desired object, and when once done it is done for all time. Often you will find in cutting down our hills the desired material, we have so often lamented the want of, for a good road bed; and with good judgment these materials may then be used to make the final good and durable road bed so much desired from the very first stage of your system. We would not have it understood that we propose to use all the money on the grade of the road to the neglect of the wants for their daily use. We would first go over all the roads and put them in good, passable condition, and then go for the *foundation* of permanent improvements.

2d. Gather all the loose and small stones and put them “where they will do the most good,”—into the road bed—not pile them up by the sides of the highways to disfigure and encumber them, and encourage the growth of hedge rows, to incur expense for some future time.

3d. The difficulties, under this head, we think will only yield under intelligent and persistent labor. On sandy, level roads, or in low places, fill with stones, covering them with a good coat of loamy gravel, or, on unavoidable hillsides, or on rising grades, cover with a good coat of loamy gravel; or, where there is much travel, we would recommend paving as a matter of economy.

A wet, miry road should be drained as far as practicable, and a good covering of coarse, sandy gravel put on it in the *fall of the year*; or, better still, a good coat of crushed stones with a light covering of loamy gravel. You, having committed this matter to our hands, leads us to believe you are tired or disgusted with the farce witnessed at our annual meetings, in the choice of Road Surveyors: “you go for me and I will go for you.” The result is

the most of the officers chosen have no ability for the place and only want it to get the money without an equivalent, so you see one old horse and cart, with three men on the road at work—one to load, one to drive and one to level. The man that loads and the one that levels smoke their pipes while the horse is away, and the one that drives smokes all the time to be industrious. Often the surveyor has no cart, but has an old box-wagon, so he has the gravel to shovel in and again to shovel out. It matters not, as "it is for the town," and then they do not work on the road when most needed, but when most convenient to themselves. Do you wonder that you have no more done for your money? It requires judgement and intelligence to fix a road properly as well as to transact any other business successfully. What would be right and useful in one place would be wholly unfit in another.

Choose a man, (such as you would like to do a job for yourself) suited for the place. Give him the entire charge. Let him go over the roads and put them in general repair, and then take hold of some permanent improvement in one part of the town and when that is done go to another; or, if he only completes one in the year remember there is *one* good job done and out of the way, and another stands in order. Do not all blame him for not doing the one *near you*, as he cannot do but one at a time.

We very often find men very anxious to have some part of the highway fixed near their home and are willing to do a part at their own expense. In all such cases we would recommend that the Selectmen or Superintendent of Roads be authorized to consider all such cases, and if, in their judgement, it will be a public benefit, that they allow or pay a part of the expense.

Your committee, in considering the situation and circumstances of the town, desire to call your attention to another method of expending the money upon the highways, which, to us, appears, if properly carried out, will result in great benefit to the town:

The town has a good Farm, which now is a bill of expense, and at the same time is growing poorer year after year. Why not buy a good team and proper tools and employ a good man to take charge? Let him employ three or four men as laborers for the season. Let them, at the proper season, take hold and do the heavy farm work without delay, and then go on to the roads under the direction of the Selectmen or Superintendent, or, if qualified, make him Superintendent and consult with the Selectmen as to work to be done. If the work is quite distant from the farm and

requires a considerable time for its completion, a movable shanty could be provided for the team and the provender carried from the farm, or temporary quarters provided from some near resident. The inmates of the house who are incapable of any heavy work, under proper care and management would take pride in doing all the chores of the farm, and show their satisfaction by showing you how nice "our things are kept," thus enabling our unfortunate citizens to feel they are not wholly a burden to themselves and town, but *helpers*. There is no remedy to poor discontented minds equal to having "something to do" and having it "ours." Then, by keeping a good team and tools (which now you can hardly find in the whole town) you are provided with things ready to do any job that presents itself, to the best advantage. Further by keeping the team on the farm you are going to improve it in a few years so as to produce nearly all you want from its proceeds. Thus, instead of its being a bill of expense, it will be a source of income and a ready means always at hand to do your own bidding. Between the highways and the Farm there need not be an idle day from the beginning to the end of the season, and these men are employed to give their whole time and interest to the town.

Your committee do not profess any skill as road builders (having had no experience) but a little observation of things in general, and knowing well from their experience in other business, the advantage of some system well carried out, think it will apply equally well in the successful repair of the highways. While wondering at our appointment, when so many others of better qualifications are passed by, we attribute it to the usual way of choosing town officers—taking those first thought of, or those wishing the office for certain objects to themselves, without the least thought of their qualification for the place. And then you wonder why your affairs are not more successful. Your committee have no apology to make, but trust their crude and hastily written report which they present, embodying *their* thoughts upon the subject, may lead to such consideration as the subject demands, and result in a decided improvement in our "ways."

Respectfully submitted by

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|------------------|---|------------|
| H. A. LOTHROP,   | } | COMMITTEE. |
| JOHN M. BULLARD, |   |            |
| F. A. BRACKETT,  |   |            |
| F. H. BAKER,     |   |            |
| L. W. MORSE,     |   |            |



